COCHNEWAGON POND

Monmouth Twp., Kennebec Co. U.S.G.S. Monmouth, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Redbreast sunfish Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 410 acres

Temperatures: Surface - 73°F 25 feet - 70°F

Maximum depth - 28 feet

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Cochnewagon Pond, a small pond in the headwaters of the Cobbosseesontee drainage, offers anglers a diversity of fishing opportunities. Habitat conditions are ideal for warmwater sportfish. Excellent fisheries exist for bass, white perch and pickerel. White perch are particularly abundant with many growing to an attractive size.

Brown trout were introduced in 1966 and their presence adds another dimension to Cochnewagon's fisheries. Because the pond lacks sufficient spawning and nursery habitat for brown trout, the fishery is maintained though annual stockings.

Cochnewagon Pond has been plagued with severe algal blooms. In 1986, the Cobbossee Watershed District, with cooperation from federal, state, and local agencies, conducted a water quality restoration project. The objective was to immobilize nutrients present in the bottom sediments. This project also involved certain land use controls to reduce nutrient loading to the pond from farmland and residential developments.

An improved town sponsored boat launch facility is located on the east side of Cochnewagon Pond in the town of Monmouth.

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